(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Department has taken up with different Centarl Ministries/ Departments to set up advisory committees for women in each sector to help in the preparation, monitoring and implementation of the women component plan and to include a chapter on this in their Annual Reports.

Urdu University at Hyderabad

4335. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the All India Urdu Educational Committee has requested the Prime Minister to lay the foundation stone for costruction of Urdu University at Hyderabad;

(b) whether the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister has also requested to convey concurrence at the earliest; and

(c) if so, by when the approval is expected ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL) : (a) to (c) The Prime Minister was requested to lay the foundation stone for the construction of the Urdu University at Hyderabad. However, the programme could not materialize. No date for this event has been fixed as at present.

UNESCO House at Delhi

4336. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the foundation stone of UNESCO House at Delhi has been laid;

(b) if so, from where funds for construction of the building would be raised ; and

(c) what is the likely time to be taken for completion of the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Funds for the construction of the building will be provided by the Government of India.

(c) Since the building is yet to be designed it is not possible to indicate the likely time for its completion.

Cess on Liquor to Supplement Education Budget

4337. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Punjab Government is imposing a Cess on the sale of liquor to supplement the education budget;

(b) whether the proposal of levying educational Cess was mooted during the former Prime Minister Shri P.V. Narsimha Rao's regime but was not accepted;

(c) whether the Human Resource Development Minister favour the view that an educational Cess be levied for the same reason; and

(d) if so, by when it would be imposed and the state Government's/UTs would be asked to fall in line with the Punjab Government, for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL) : (a) to (d) With a view to meet the additional resource requirements for the Education sector, the Government has been exploring the possibilities of levying an education cess on income and corporate taxes since the early nineties. However, it has not been possible to take a view in this regard. Meanwhile the Government of Punjab have enacted the Punjab Education Development Act, 1998 which provides for collection of a cess on sale of liquor in the State for improving the quality of education. All States/UTs have been advised to explore the possibilities of adopting similar measures to augment resources for educational development.

Allocation to U.P. For Women and Child Welfare Schemes

4338. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total amount allocated by Government to Uttar Pradesh for various women and child welfare schemes during the last three years;

(b) whether the above funds have been utilised for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the necessary steps being taken by Government in this regard?